Molecular Biology Unit

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Ref: Your letter No. VC/PM/10.1/TIFR

Dear Dr. Krishnamurthy,

Thank you very much for your letter of 27th June. I am sorry for not responding sooner. I had given the revised draft to the Institute administration and was waiting for their comments.

I am glad that we have reached agreement on all points except item # 7 regarding delivery of vacant possession of the scheduled land in the event of termination of the lease. The T.I.F.R lawyers are of the view that the terms suggested by the University may be accepted provided they apply to non-movable property i.e. buildings (including fixtures) and infrastructure (water, power etc). It is unreasonable to apply it to movable property such as equipment. The term "movable" should be deleted. It seems to me a reasonable point and I trust this is acceptable to the University.

As regards the employment of local people, I would like to reiterate the assurance I have given you. As a national

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institution, the T.I.F.R Centre must remain open to all citizens of India, but we are not unmindful of the sentiments of the local population and the policy of the Karnatak Government to expand exployment opportunities for them. We envisage that the bulk of the staff in the lower categories of employees will be from the local population. If you wish I could request T.I.F.R to send you a formal statement to this effect.

I am asking my colleague, Dr. K. Vijay Raghavan to meet you if any further discussion of the draft is necessary. I hope the agreement will be signed very soon.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

O. Siddiqi
Professor of Molecular Biology

Encl: Draft statement